



# Victorian Christmas Decorations

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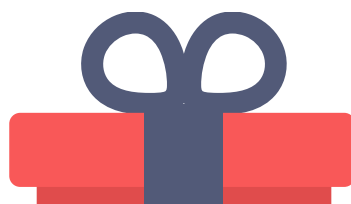
## Victorian Paper Cones

### Materials:

- Paper doily- 8 inches or 10 inches in diameter
- curling ribbon
- ruler
- scissors
- filler- candy, nuts, small toys

### Instructions:

1. Cut 12 inches of curling ribbon.
2. Fold the paper doily in half.
3. Hold the doily like a taco.
4. Roll the doily so that it create a cone.
5. Weave the ribbon through the lacy top of the doily. Make sure to connect the all edges of the cone together.
6. Tie ends together to create a loop.
7. Add additional curls.
8. Hang and fill with the fillers.





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## Gilded Walnuts

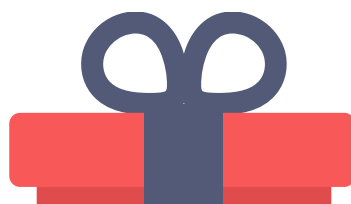
Gilded walnuts were a popular Victorian decoration, which delighted children with a hidden fortune or treat.

### Materials:

- walnuts in shell
- paper
- pen
- hot glue or tacky craft glue (ask your parents for help!)
- gold metallic paint
- paintbrush
- ribbon

### Instructions:

1. Split the walnut in half and remove the nut.
2. Write a saying on a small piece of paper and place inside one of the walnut halves
3. Glue the walnut together.
4. Paint the walnut using the gold paint.
5. Tie a small bow using the ribbon
6. Glue the bow and a loop of ribbon onto the top of the walnut.
7. Hang on tree or anywhere in the house.





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## Lace Fan Ornament

Victorians used many different colors on their Christmas trees and used many different types of trimmings including lace and beads on ornaments.

### Materials:

- decorative paper - 6" by 22"
- 1 piece of lace- 22"
- 12" piece of ribbon
- 12" piece of decorative wire or floral wire
- 6" piece of ribbon
- optional beads, pearl strings, rosettes
- tacky glue



### Instructions:

1. Fold rectangular paper with lengthwise accordion fold in 3/4" folds. Crease each fold with your finger.
2. Unfold paper.
3. Glue lace to top of paper with tacky glue. Let dry
4. Fold the paper along the creases again.
5. Tie the 12" piece of ribbon into a bow.
6. Hold one end of the folded paper and tie the wire around it, about 1/2" from the edge.
7. Tie the bow onto the end with the left over wire or glue it.
8. Add other trimmings to the end of the fan.
9. Unfold the paper to create a fan.
10. Tie the 6 inch ribbon through the wire to hang.

